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SUBJ NARCOTICS INCB VISIT TO NEPAL, INDIA, HONGKONG

REF KATHMANDU 4547

1. SINCE GREENFIELD'S LETTER HAS APPARENTLY BEEN LOST IN MAIL
AND IN ORDER EXPEDITE ARRANGING OF INCB VISIT, GREENFIELD WOULD
BE MOST GRATEFUL IF AMBASSADOR CARGO COULD HAVE FOLLOWING
MESSAGE DELIVERED TO FOREIGN MINISTER KHATRI. GREENFIELD/DITTERT
WOULD ALSO MUCH APPRECIATE IT IF EMBASSY COULD ASCERTAIN EXACT
DATES GON WOULD BE PREPARED RECEIVE THEM. FROM POINT OF VIEW
GREENFIELD'S SCHEDULE MOST CONVENIENT ARRANGEMENT WOULD BE
TWO DAYS CONSULTATION DURING WEEK BEGINNING DECEMBER 9. ALTERNATIVE
SUGGESTION WOULD BE TWO DAYS BETWEEN DECEMBER 14 AND 19. GREEN-
FIELD PLANS STAY KATHMANDU 2-3 DAYS. DITTERT PLANS REMAIN FEW
ADDITIONAL DAYS ON LEAVE.

2. TEXT GREENFIELD MESSAGE TO KHATRI:
"THE INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD WELCOMED THE ANNOUNCE-
MENT OF THE DECISION OF HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT TO BAN THE
PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION OF CANNABIS AND OPIUM IN NEPAL. I
REFERRED TO THIS DECISION IN MY STATEMENT BEFORE THE ECONOMIC
AND SOCIAL COUNCIL LAST MAY. IN MAKING ITS ANNUAL SURVEYS OF
THE DRUG SITUATION IN DIFFERENT COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD THE
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BOARD'S TASK IS GREATLY FACILITATED IF IT CAN ACQUAINT ITSELF

FULLY WITH THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES AND PERIODICALLY STUDY THE SITUATION AT FIRST-HAND. THIS ALSO ENABLES THE BOARD TO MAKE KNOWN TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY THE VIEWS OF THE GOVERNMENT CONCERNED. THE BOARD WAS ACCORDINGLY GRATIFIED TO RECEIVE THE ORAL INVITATION OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE MINISTER OF HEALTH IN MAY OF THIS YEAR TO VISIT KATHMANDU FOR THIS PURPOSE. THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD AND I HAVE BEEN INVITED TO VISIT COUNTRIES IN THE AREA DURING DECEMBER AND WOULD BE PLEASED TO PAY A COURTESY CALL ON THE PRIME MINISTER AND OTHER MINISTERS IN KATHMANDU IF THIS SUGGESTION SHOULD COMMEND ITSELF TO HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT. I WOULD WELCOME SUGGESTIONS AS TO DATES MOST CONVENIENT TO THE GOVERNMENT BETWEEN THE 7TH AND 20TH OF DECEMBER."

3. GREENFIELD WOULD LIKE AMBASSADOR CARGO'S ADVICE AS TO WHETHER AS MATTER NEPALESE SENSITIVITIES FOREGOING MESSAGE SHOULD BE SENT FOREIGN SECRETARY THROUGH COMMERCIAL CHANNELS IN ADDITION ITS BEING COMMUNICATED VIA AMEMBASSY.BASSIN

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